

language in the committee amendment in regard to notices and it increases the public notice requirement so that instead of requiring publication one time, not less than three days prior to the hearing, it is increased to two publications not less than seven days before the hearing. It just seems to me that the public should be given more notice of the hearing. This is a very simple amendment, does exactly what I described and I think that it would be considered a friendly amendment. I would ask that it be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the Lamb amendment to LB 451? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I'm just curious, Senator Lamb, I just want to say I was off to lunch and just prior to lunch there wasn't any amendments on this bill but all of a sudden it got to be a real popular bill. Senator Beutler offers an amendment which was not applied earlier and I don't believe was germane. It wasn't germane last time he offered it but it is germane this time and it is somewhat irritating, so to speak, and that is a so to speak, that a nongermane amendment that wasn't germane last time all of a sudden becomes germane and the issue becomes dealt with while I am gone and the amendments are put on very quickly without any indication that the amendments are going to be offered. I'd like to ask Senator Lamb, since his amendment is the only one I can deal with, just why the need for this great proposal at this late hour and what it will do to contribute to LB 451?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Senator Newell, as I explained, it would just give the public a little bit more notice, give...see within three days, instead of a three day notice it is a seven day notice. Instead of one publication it is two publications. I consider that entirely reasonable and I guess my only apology is the fact that we didn't discover that perhaps this should have been done earlier but it is a very simple amendment. It is one that is easily understood and I think you will have time enough here to react to it in good form.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay. Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just to discuss why Senator Lamb's amendment is ill-advised, I'd like to explain a little bit about how we designate blighted and substandard areas. Now frankly the issue here of designation, I'm not sure that this amendment is particularly germane either because designation of an area as blighted is a separate sort of issue and comes under other provisions of the law. They are only referenced here in this bill. But the truth of the matter